

HIGHLY TOXIC bandits, traveling in autos, are robbing banks. Couldn't they be persuaded to try flying machines.

ANYHOW, we can "point with pride" to the \$8,000,000,000 crop made in the United States in 1910, as well as the big democratic victory. Pretty fair year.

SENATOR ALDRICH says: "For thirty years I have had tariff, tariff, and I have performed my share of the perplexing labor." Yes, perplexed the whole country—especially the republican party.

LAST Saturday two more aviators, Hoxsey and Moisant, lost their lives—the first at Los Angeles and the other at New Orleans—each falling 500 feet, making the death toll from aviating 47 in 1910.

THAT was a wonderful "find" when some of Horace Greeley's alleged letters were dug up the other day. The fact that they can be read is almost proof positive that Horace never had anything to do with them.

CHRISTMAS has come and gone, and now the city papers, instead of running one wild with "Do Your Shopping Early," will begin to wear us to a shadow with "Let's Have a Safe and Safe Fourth!" Wonder if they think we country fellows are absolutely guiltless of nerves?

THE Missouri Home Makers will hold their annual conference at Columbia January 19th to 21st. The program is excellent and, in a large degree, of mutual interest to "home making" women. Almost every number is assigned to them, and the housewives of the state and their daughters are earnestly invited to attend.

If the republican papers are so certain there was no fraud in the St. Louis election why don't they stop rearing awhile? A careful examination and comparison of the books and ballots will find nobody if no wrong was done, and that is all the democrats are contending for. But both sides seem to have a very deep hold. Wouldn't it be overworked themselves and their ward bosses, and hence a scandal?

SAY, bud, you were way off if you thought the rolling he got last fall would cause Teddy to "go back and sit down." Why, he is already leading change of the 1912 campaign—he and C. E. Lusk of New York—and the two of them have decided that President Taft shall be the nominee of the republican party. It seems that he and the president have "got together" again. No, Teddy just won't keep quiet that day—probably after 1912.

"F. N. L." Mr. Allen of the St. Louis Register "screams" on the St. Louis republicans like this: "There were all together too many 'mistakes,' errors and oversights attending the late election in St. Louis, even as admitted by themselves. I have every democratic editor in the state will on the exposure of the alleged frauds and help lay bare to the people the facts as they develop with Governor Hadley's 'Gentle Chastisement.' The Register will not exceeding issues present the salient features of the case as they develop." [And "F. N. L." is with you every time. If there was no honesty why should the republicans object to full and fair investigation?]

Warning to Our Workingmen

"In India, China and Japan we have been the guests who have enjoyed their hospitality, only to rise in the morning and say to our hosts: 'You must not sit at table with us.' Believe me, this condition cannot endure," says Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, in Leslie's. "Politically we are in grave danger. Commercially, with their industry and their frugality, they are fast outstripping us."

"They have ceased buying flour from the Minneapolis mills, because they are grinding Indian and Manchurian wheat with Chinese labor at Wonsung. A line of ships is running from the Yellow river to Seattle, bringing 72,000 tons a year of pig iron manufactured at Hankow and delivered, freight and duty added, cheaper than we can produce it. In Cawnpore, India, with American machinery, they are making shoes so cheaply that the manufacturers of Lynn can no longer compete with them. The cottons and silks which we one time sent from here to Asia are now made in Japan and China."

Where Our Millions Go

There is a little comfort in whisky figures, but only a little, says the Saturday Evening Post. In the five-year period ending with 1910 consumption showed a slightly smaller

ratio of increase than in the five-year period ending with 1895; yet it did show an important increase. Consumption of spirits per capita—taking the country over—is just about what it was a generation ago, while consumption per capita of malt liquors has trebled. It is a melancholy fact that, so far as conclusions can be drawn from statistics to date, hard times are the only really powerful agency in promoting temperance. In the three lean years 1894-96 the average annual consumption per capita fell off 22 per cent, but in the three boom years ending with 1907 it rose again more than 33 per cent. The industrial reaction of 1907 brought some decrease.

Nearly a gallon and a half of spirits a year for every man, woman and child, and twenty gallons of beer, represent a rather staggering waste, from which, however, the government derives a revenue exceeding \$200,000,000 annually. How shall we deal with this problem? That we deal with it badly most people admit. Why shouldn't the government take it up, investigate and report? From its recommendations a better handling of the liquor traffic might result.

Straight Democratic Goods

Hon. John J. Lentz is a candidate for the United States senate before the Ohio legislature and his declaration of principles is well worth a careful reading by every democrat. He favors:

- "1. A tariff for revenue on articles of luxury and not on articles of necessity; also a tariff commission.
- "2. Graduated income and inheritance taxes that will put the burdens of the government equitably upon the backs of the people.
- "3. A regulation that will regulate all trusts and monopolies, with attention first to those that have been dictating the financial and political policies of our republic.
- "4. The selection of United States senators by the direct vote of the people.
- "5. Insurance of bank deposits, guaranteeing immediate and full payment to depositors in the event of the bank's failure.
- "6. A postal express for the million miles of rural routes, such as will transport and deliver at a smaller cost much larger packages than those now provided for by the parcels post.
- "7. A postal telegraph or electric mail that will give the people of the United States the right to send a telegram of thirty words to any part of the country at a cost of 5 cents a message.
- "8. The preservation and conservation of all our resources in Alaska and elsewhere for the benefit of the whole people.
- "9. A law providing for the payment out of the public treasury of every legitimate and necessary expense incident to primary and general elections, thereby providing a more certain guaranty against corruption of voters than publishing the names of contributors and the accounts, either before or after the election, and also making it possible for a man of character and brains, but without wealth, to have an equal chance with the millionaire or the representative of special interests.
- "10. A law making it a crime to solicit, contribute or receive campaign contributions for either primary or general election purposes. This will prevent the corruption of voters and also prevent the undue influence of the interests in nominating and electing public officials.
- "11. The initiative and referendum and the right of recall.
- "12. An immediate reduction of the cost of administering the government by the exercise of that economy and common honesty practiced by men in the conduct of ordinary business enterprises.

"In brief, let it be remembered that my pledge is to further the enactment of such laws as will promote that equality, honesty and liberty which was the inspiration of the life, work and public service of Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln.

"And I challenge Senator Dick to a series of joint debates to discuss all the issues of the day, and particularly to give him an opportunity to explain why he failed to introduce a bill for the improvement of our postal service by the use of the telegraph, as was advocated by him ten years ago, before the postmasters' convention."

Good democrats of Ohio, it seems to us, should carefully consider the claims of Mr. Lentz, as he is certainly a great improvement on Senator Dick.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN, prelate of the Roman Catholic church, who presides over the archdiocese of Philadelphia, did not receive the homage of friends on New Year's, and it has become known that his health is failing. Close friends have been looking for the end at almost any time.

First Postal Savings Bank

THE only postal savings bank in Missouri was opened in the Carthage postoffice last Tuesday for the benefit of the public.

This makes forty-six in the United States, and the Globe-Democrat's Carthage correspondent says that Postmaster Stickney predicts it will be a success from the start. Inquiries as to the limit on deposits and the manner of making deposits are coming from every part of the state.

Obituary.

Monday morning, December 26, 1910, the town of Marble Hill was greatly shocked by the announcement that one of its citizens, Jesse E. Yount, had been suddenly called to his reward. He passed away with only an explanation of pain. The heart ceased to beat, and our brother went to join the company of those who have gone before.

Jesse E. Yount, son of Rev. John H. Yount of the Congregational Methodist church was born at the old homestead, in Crooked Creek township, Bollinger county, October 21, 1871. At the age of 18 years he married Miss Clara Lemon, who died in a few short years. On January 7, 1896, he married Miss Emma, daughter of Guy Sample.

About three years ago the deceased, his wife and seven children came to Marble Hill to live. This was about three years after the attack of the heart trouble that took him from our midst so suddenly. The out unexpected to the departed one or his family, the death of Mr. Yount was a great shock to the community.

Mr. Yount professed faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when but a youth, and joined the Congregational Methodist church in the communion of which he died. But a short time before his death, Mr. Yount when taking of his condition to a relative and friend declared his readiness to go whenever he should be called. He had been informed of the nature of his disease, and knew the possibility of a sudden death. "Shall we not consider ourselves with the hope that our brother's physical dissolution the putting off of 'this earthly house' was also the putting on of 'the house not made with hands'?"

Funeral services were held at the home of the deceased during the evening of the day of his death. These services were conducted by the pastor of Presbyterian church, Rev. W. A. Dixon, assisted by the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, Rev. M. M. Blasse. The services were well attended, and much appreciated by all present.

The mortal remains of the deceased were taken to Liberty churchyard and deposited where lies the body of his mother. A father, brothers, sisters, wife, children and a grandchild remain with us. To them we extend our hearty sympathy. We, too, have been bereft of our loved ones. We, too, expect to join them soon. How watchful should we all live! The messenger may call for us when we are not expecting him. Let us make it the business of our lives to be ready to go whenever we shall be called.

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